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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

**OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

**OF THE
TOWN OF MONSON
MAINE**

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1956

Hutchins Brothers, Thorndike, Maine

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Town Manager—Wilbur Kronholm

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Alfred F. Holmes Roland Johnson Hollis Nelson

Town Clerk—Stanley Robinson

Town Treasurer—L. Pete Gattrell

School Committee

Aubrey Williams Stanwood Pullen Priscilla Robinson

Superintendent of Schools—Guy Crockett

Sexton—Weldon Conner

Building Inspector—D. E. Weeks

Fire Chief—Arthur Haggstrom

Health Officer—Dr. Robert McDuffee

Sealer of Weights and Measures

L. Pete Gattrell

Surveyors of Logs and Lumber

Merle B. Wyman Clarence C. Brown
Thaxter Jones

Fire Warden (Forest)—George Merrill

Town Warden—Harry W. Davis

Constables

Anselm Swanson Wilbur Kronholm

Tax Collector—Wilbur Kronholm

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

VALUATION

Real Estate, Resident	\$283,460.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	129,420.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$412,880.00
Personal Property, Resident	\$80,130.00	
Personal Property, Non-Resident	19,140.00	
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Total Personal Property		\$99,270.00
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Total Assessed Valuation		\$512,150.00
Total Value of Land	\$198,730.00	
Total Value of Buildings	214,150.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$412,880.00

Personal Property — Taxable Livestock

20 Horses	\$1,010.00	
103 Cows	6,120.00	
7 Heifers, 18 mo. to 2 yrs. old	280.00	
19 Heifers, over 2 yrs. old	760.00	
4 Steers, Oxen, Bulls	160.00	
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Total Value of Livestock		\$ 8,330.00
Other Personal Property		90,940.00
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Total Assessed Valuation		\$512,150.00

Livestock and Poultry Exempted

480 Domestic Fowl	\$240.00	
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		\$240.00

Property Exempted by Law

Real Estate	\$7,300.00	
Town Property	2,255.00	
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		\$9,555.00

COMMITMENT:

Tax rate .099 x valuation

\$512,150.00

\$50,702.85

226 Polls at \$3.00

678.00

22 Polls, not taxed

Tax Commitment

\$51,380.85

Supplemental

21.00

Error

3.81

Total Due from Collector

\$51,405.66

CREDITS TO COLLECTOR:

Cash to Treasurer

\$45,606.25

Discounts

545.34

Errors in Assessments

247.28

Uncollected Taxes

5,006.79

Total Credits to Collector

\$51,405.66

TOTAL EXCISE TAXES:

Wilbur Kronholm, Coll. 1956 Excise \$3,332.21

Wilbur Kronholm, Coll. 1957 Excise 1,001.62

Cash to Treasurer

\$4,333.83

Amounts Raised by Town, March 1956

Free High School

\$ 8,500.00

Common Schools

10,750.00

State Aid Road Construction

1,066.00

Highways

3,350.00

Town Tar

1,000.00

Sidewalks

500.00

Snow Plowing

3,800.00

Civil Defense

100.00

Honor Roll

150.00

Special School Fund

1,000.00

Social Security

250.00

Town Hall Repair

250.00

Sanding

800.00

Incidentals

4,200.00

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Fire Department	6,660.00	
Town Poor	2,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	
Fuel for Town Hall	350.00	
Cemetery Trust Funds	600.00	
Regular Cemetery Care	400.00	
New Cemetery	100.00	
Monson Library	250.00	
Memorial Day	150.00	
Workman's Compensation	300.00	
Interest Account	200.00	
New Street Lights	200.00	
Monson Light & Power Co.	1,000.00	
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00	
Town Tax		\$48,951.00
County Tax	\$1,440.00	
Overlay	993.66	
		\$ 2,433.66
Total Tax Assessment		\$51,384.66

1956 Uncollected Taxes

	Poll	Real	Pers.	Total
Anderson, Raymond	\$3.00	\$ 27.72	\$.99	\$ 31.71
Akerson, Alfred		54.45	13.86	68.31
Akerson, Sherman	3.00		4.95	7.95
Anderson, Olavi		57.42		57.42
Adkins, Leslie		20.79		20.79
Brown, Emmons		227.70	10.89	238.59
Boyer, Albert			20.79	20.79
Brown, Isabella		66.33		66.33
Butterfield, Lloyd		54.45	21.78	76.23
Boutilier, Henry	3.00			3.00
Boutilier, Sybil		10.89	15.84	26.73
Carlson, George		9.85		9.85
Conley, Charles	3.00	47.52	8.91	59.43
Cowan, Frank		46.53	13.86	60.39
Crockett, James & Mabel	3.00	57.42	9.90	70.32
Davis, Harry		867.24	31.68	898.92

	Poll	Real	Pers.	Total
Davis, Lyman		175.23	17.82	193.05
Drake, Verena		32.67		32.67
Drake, James & Charlotte		35.24		35.24
Drake, James		9.90	21.78	31.68
Dore, Clyde		45.54		45.54
Erickson, Axel		30.69	.99	31.68
Greenleaf, Robert		53.93		53.93
Hughes, Raymond		59.40	13.86	73.26
Hughes, S. J. estate		38.08		38.08
Ivey, Ora E.		377.19	291.06	668.25
Jackson, Paul		89.84		89.84
Johnson, Eldred & Vieno		52.47	18.81	71.28
Johnson, Adolph		259.38		259.38
Kelley, Bessie		15.04		15.04
Kelley, James & Joyce	3.00		15.84	18.84
Kelley, Lloyd		94.05	21.78	115.83
Kelley, Elmer		17.82		17.82
Kneeland, John			4.95	4.95
Knight, P. W. & Son			123.75	123.75
Knight, Henry	3.00	207.90	26.73	237.63
Korsman, Arvo		80.19	29.70	109.89
Kronholm, Edgar		47.52		47.52
Kurki, Andrew	3.00	47.50	11.88	64.38
Kurki, Roger	3.00			3.00
Landry, Wilbur		89.10	5.94	95.04
Palm, Morris & Edna		76.23	9.90	86.13
Ponkala, John	3.00	52.47	15.84	71.31
Pulkkinen, Sonja		17.33		17.33
Pratt, Phillip	3.00			3.00
Robinson, Walter		29.70	16.83	46.53
Smith, Harriet estate		109.89		109.89
Spack, Walter		54.45	17.82	72.27
Stanchfield, Gerald & Virginia	3.00	15.84	4.95	23.79
Stevens, Perley	3.00			3.00
Willer, Emma		99.00		99.00
Wilkins, Leon	3.00			3.00
Woodard, Merle	3.00			3.00

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	Poll	Real	Pers.	Total
Barrows, Lawrence		22.17		22.17
Danielson, Roy		39.10		39.10
Frost, Volney		1.98		1.98
Goodridge, John		14.85		14.85
Mountain, Thomas estate		79.20		79.20
Nelson, John & Florence		4.95		4.95

1955 Uncollected Taxes

Anderson, Raymond		\$ 5.82
Boyer, Albert		20.37
Brown, Emmons		10.67
Boutilier, Sybil		15.52
Copeland, Maurice		10.67
Crockett, James and Mabel		4.85
Davis, Harry		31.04
Davis, Lyman		17.46
Drake, James		25.22
Hescock, Blanche		11.64
Henessey William	\$3.00	
Kelley, James and Joyce		5.52
Kneeland, William	3.00	
Knight, P. W. and Son		121.25
Knight, Henry	3.00	21.34
Korsman, Arvo		17.00
Palm, Morris and Edna		9.70
Richardson, Esmond		9.70

1954 Uncollected Taxes

Collected in 1956		\$132.10
Delinquent:		
Akerson, Kenneth	\$ 4.85	
Brown, Eric	3.00	
Brown, Emmons	10.67	
Boutilier, Sybil	31.04	
Davis, Harry	31.04	
Davis, Lyman	17.46	
Drew, Fred	16.49	
Kneeland, John	9.70	
Kneeland, William	3.00	

Page, Malcolm	3.00
Richards, Edward	3.00
Shaw, Philip	9.70
Strom, Charles	8.73
Kimball, Anthony	56.26
O'Farrell, Linda	13.58
Korsman, Arvo	55.29
Anderson, Raymond	5.82
Brown, Velma	.97

\$283.60

1953 Uncollected Taxes

Delinquent:	
Aho, John	\$ 16.49
Brown, Emmons	233.77
Brown, Velma	.97
Butterfield, Lloyd	16.49
Davis, Harry	31.04
Darke, Ira	5.82
Grant, Harold	24.25
Johnson, Adolph	3.00
Kelley, Edward	6.79
Kelley, Elmer	8.82
Leighton, Clifton	3.97
Pulkkinen, Henry	3.00
Shaw, Philip	9.70
Strom, Charles	8.73
O'Farrell, Linda	1.73

\$439.47

1952 Uncollected Taxes

Collected in 1956	\$9.00
Delinquent:	
Bray, George	\$14.72
Butterfield, Lloyd	13.12
Blood, Harold	19.16
Brown, Donald	3.00
Donahue, Maurice	14.72

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Eastern Gum Co.	70.64
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\$139.56

1951 Uncollected Taxes

Delinquent:

Bray, George	\$15.04
Brown, Eric	9.40
Brown, Donald	18.40
Donahue, Maurice	18.04
Korsman, Arvo	20.68
Leavitt, Cyril, Sr.	7.70
Hawkins, Aubrey	3.00

\$91.90

1950 Uncollected Taxes

Delinquent:

Brown, Donald	\$ 6.00
Bray, George	15.68
Brown, Eric	9.50
Davis, Harry	621.31
Donahue, Maurice	18.05
Eastern Gum Co.	68.88
Leavitt, Cyril, Sr.	3.00
Libby, Roland	12.50
DeRosa, William	3.80

\$758.72

1949 Uncollected Taxes

Collected 1956

\$3.00

Delinquent:

Brown, Eric	\$14.40
Daigle, Evangeline	19.35
Daigle, Valare	3.90
Fogg, Stanley	.90
Leavitt, Cyril, Sr.	3.90
Libby, Roland	5.40

\$47.85

1948 Uncollected Taxes

Delinquent:

Barrows, Lawrence	\$39.77
Brown, Eric	16.49
Leavitt, Cyril, Sr.	33.00

1955 Tax Liens

Uncollected:

Brown, Emmons	\$223.10
Boutilier, Sybil	10.67
Cowan, Frank	29.17
Crockett, James and Mabel	56.26
Davis, Harry	587.82
Davis, Lyman	171.69
Drake, James	9.70
Johnson, Peter, estate	226.44
Bjork, Wm. and Harland	173.63
Palm, Morris and Edna	74.69
Willer, Emma	32.00
Danielson, Roy E.	87.30
Korsman, Arvo	17.00

 \$1,699.47
1954 Tax Liens

Uncollected:

Davis, Harry	\$670.27
Davis, Lyman	171.69
Smith, Harriet, estate	107.69
Willer, Emma	97.00

 \$1,046.63
Tax Lien Cost

Lien Cost Collected	\$39.50
Paid:	
Expended	\$37.50
Balance	2.00

 \$39.50

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Lien Accounts

To 1953 Liens
Collected by Treasurer \$119.44

Uncollected Liens
Eastern Gum Co. \$74.69 town owned
Kelley, Edward 41.74 Pd. 20.00
Kelley, Edward and Bessie 72.75

\$189.18

To 1952 Liens
Collected by Treasurer \$78.96

Uncollected:
Packard, Frank \$51.52 town owned

To 1951 Liens
Uncollected:
Eastern Gum Co. \$72.38 town owned
Packard, Frank 52.64 town owned

Wentworth Trust Fund Investment

Balance from 1955 \$900.00
Balance, 1956 900.00

Cemetery Trust Fund Investment

Balance from 1955 \$12,800.00
Appropriation 600.00
Due Trust Funds 2,000.00

\$15,400.00

Chapin Trust Fund Investment

Invested in Government Bonds \$1,500.00

Wentworth Trust Fund Investment

Invested in Government Bonds \$900.00

Regular Cemetery Care

Appropriation \$400.00
Received \$400.00
Paid:
Weldon Conner \$400.00 \$400.00

Cemetery, Perpetual Care

Balance from 1955	\$805.55	
Interest from Bonds	370.10	
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		\$1,175.56
Paid:		
Weldon Conner	\$508.00	
Balance to 1957	667.65	
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		\$1,175.56

Monument Fund

Balance from 1955	\$200.00
In Piscataquis Savings Bank	\$200.00

New Cemetery, Development

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Received		\$100.00
Paid:		
Weldon Conner		\$100.00

Interest Account

Appropriation		
Received	\$200.00	
Collected	274.84	
From Surplus	157.00	
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		\$631.84
Paid:		
School Fund	\$ 34.16	
Monson Academy Notes	314.00	
Balance	283.68	
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		\$631.84

Workman's Compensation Liability

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid:		
F. G. Marshall	\$300.00	\$300.00

Accounts Receivable

Due from State		\$53.40
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Received from Collector	\$ 9.04
State of Maine	24.33
Balance Due	20.03

\$53.40

Overlay and Supplemental Tax

Appropriation	\$993.66
Supplemental Tax 1956	21.00

Balance to Summary	\$1,014.66
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Honor Roll

Appropriation	\$150.00
Balance to 1957	150.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Paid:

Treasurer, State of Maine	\$886.68
Unexpended	113.32

\$1,000.00

Town Poor

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Received:

Packard	\$680.00
From Surplus	200.00

\$2,880.00

Paid:

Packard	\$1,439.50
Richards	8.00
Balance	1,432.50

\$2,880.00

State Poor**Received:**

State Treasurer	\$151.99
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To Accounts Receivable	20.03	
		\$172.02
Henrietta M. Chapin Trust Fund, Interest		
Balance from 1955	\$294.43	
Received from U. S. Treasurer	37.50	
		\$331.93
Expended	\$ 36.29	
Balance	295.64	
		\$331.93
Monson Free Public Library		
Appropriation		
Received:	\$250.00	
State Stipend	25.00	
		\$275.00
Expended		\$275.00
Memorial Day		
Appropriation		\$150.00
Expended		\$150.00
Monson Light and Power		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended		\$1,000.00
New Street Lights		
Appropriation	\$200.00	
Balance from 1955	200.00	
		\$400.00
Expended	\$257.05	
Balance	142.95	
		\$400.00
Fire Department		
Appropriation	\$6,660.00	

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Received:

Town of Blanchard	55.00
French and Curtis	42.00

\$6,757.00

Paid:

Payrolls	\$2,571.87
Supplies	4,512.83
Gas and Oil	60.58
Insurance	179.25
Telephone	209.36
Express and Freight	104.44

\$7,638.33

Overdraft	\$881.33
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Fuel Oil, Town Hall

Appropriation	\$350.00
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Paid:

Fuel Oil	\$403.32
Overdraft	53.32

\$456.64

Highway

Appropriation	\$3,350.00
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Received:

1956 Excise Tax	3,332.21
1957 Excise Tax	1,001.62
State of Maine	413.95

\$8,097.78

Paid:

Labor	\$4,025.46
Repairs	505.17
Gas and Oil	472.90
Snow, Main Street	74.00
Chloride	138.00
Culverts	264.66
Insurance	131.89

Gravel	123.40
Tools and Supplies	70.55
Balance	2,291.75

\$8,097.78

Sidewalks

Appropriation	\$500.00
Balance to 1957	500.00

Unimproved Roads

Received:	
State Treasurer	\$2,827.00
Expended	\$2,827.00

State Aid Roads

Appropriation	\$1,066.00
Appropriation from Surplus	1,066.00

\$2,132.00

Paid:	
State Treasurer	\$2,132.00

Sanding Town and State Aid Roads

Appropriation	\$800.00
From Surplus	200.00
State Treasurer	400.00

\$1,400.00

Paid:	
Labor	\$818.75
Salt	117.00
Gas and Oil	259.76
Sand	42.40
Express and Tools	35.76
Balance	126.33

\$1,400.00

Town Tar

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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From Surplus	500.00	
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		\$1,500.00
Paid:		
State of Maine	\$809.79	
Balance	690.21	
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		\$1,500.00

Snow Plowing

Appropriation	\$3,800.00	
Received:		
State Treasurer	200.00	
From Surplus	400.00	
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		\$4,400.00
Paid:		
Farrin Bros. & Smith	\$4,318.50	
Unexpended	81.50	
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		\$4,400.00

Highway Equipment

Balance from 1955	\$1,077.81	
From Surplus	500.00	
From Liability Insurance	101.81	
MacDonald Ford Sales	189.16	
Treasurer, State of Maine	1,608.62	
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		\$3,477.40
Paid:		
MacDonald Ford Sales	\$2,000.00	
Everett Tractor	28.62	
Canaan Garage	445.00	
Balance	1,003.78	
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		\$3,477.40

Incidentals

Appropriation	\$4,200.00
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Received:

Harry Davis	27.00
State of Maine	117.05

 \$4,344.05

Paid:

Town Manager	\$1,525.93
Insurance	47.32
Withholding	160.20
Postage	4.70
Telephone, Town Office	226.65
Books and Supplies	367.56
Clerk and Ballot Clerks	178.97
Lien Cost	11.87
Bear and Porcupine Bounty	20.00
Town Officers' Expense	151.00
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor	600.00
Surety Bonds	88.95
Petty Cash	25.00
Town Treasurer	185.00
Audit	318.70
School Committee	75.00
Balance	357.20

 \$4,344.05
Summary of Unexpended and Overdraft Balances

Unexpended

Highway	\$2,291.75
Surface Treatment	690.21
Snow Plowing	81.50
Sanding	126.33
Town Poor	1,432.50
A. D. C.	113.32
Interest	283.68
Overlay and Supplemental	1,014.66

 \$6,033.95

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	Overdraft		
Fire Department		\$881.33	
Town Hall Fuel		53.32	
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			\$934.65
	Assets		
Cash		\$8,161.05	
1956 Tax		5,006.79	
1955 Tax		323.77	
1954 Tax		283.60	
1953 Tax		439.47	
1952 Tax		139.56	
1951 Tax		91.90	
1950 Tax		758.72	
1949 Tax		47.85	
1948 Tax		59.26	
1955 Liens		1,903.17	
1954 Liens		1,046.63	
1953 Liens		189.18	
1952 Liens		51.52	
1951 Liens		125.02	
Wentworth Trust Fund		900.00	
Chapin Trust Fund		1,500.00	
Monument Trust Fund		200.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund		15,300.00	
Accounts Receivable		20.03	
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		\$36,547.52	
	Liabilities		
Honor Roll		\$ 150.00	
Cemetery Due Trust Funds		520.00	
Academy Loan		3,925.00	
Schol Fund		854.00	
Wentworth Fund		900.00	
Chapin Fund		1,500.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund Investment		15,300.00	
Chapin Trust Fund Interest		295.64	
Highway Equipment		1,003.00	
Sidewalk		1,500.00	

Wentworth Trust Fund Interest	22.08
Perpetual Care Interest	667.65
Common School	2,175.74
Incidental	357.20
New Street Lights	142.95
Social Security	147.72
School Grading	98.50
Civil Defense	100.00

\$29,660.26

Monson Surplus

Balance to 1956	\$4,396.11
Appropriated to Debt	600.00
From 1956	5 009 30

Town Tar
Sidewalk
State Aid
Snow Removal
Sanding
Highway Equipment
Town Poor
Interest
Discount Taxes
Error in Assessment, 1956
Error in Assessment, 1955

Balance to 1957

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Augusta

June 15, 1956

Board of Selectmen
Monson,
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 91, Section 142 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Monson for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1956.

The examination was in the form of a limited general audit as recommended by the National Committee on Governmental Accounting and was conducted by Auditor M. E. Libby of the State Department of Audit. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the result of the town's financial operations for the period designated. A recommendation is also offered which is believed worthy of consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY
State Auditor

C O M M E N T S

February 5, 1955 to February 1, 1956

An audit of the financial records maintained by various officials of the Town of Monson has been completed for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1956.

The examination included a review of cash transactions and an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules pertaining to the fiscal affairs of the town.

The fiscal year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$3,075.74, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:	
Unexpended Balances	\$4,264.29
Overdrafts	1,188.55
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Net Unexpended Balances	\$3,075.74
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The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

ASSETS

The cash balance of \$8,500.03 was reconciled with a statement furnished by the Guilford Trust Company, Guilford, Maine and an actual count of cash.

Other assets including accounts receivable, taxes and tax liens were reviewed and verification undertaken to determine their correctness. Unpaid accounts were also reconciled with balances shown on the records of the selectmen.

LIABILITIES

Insofar as could be ascertained the general fund liabilities at the close of the year amounted to \$3,925.00. This amount represents Monson Academy Loans which are substantiated by town orders issued in 1913.

RESERVES AND SURPLUS

The appropriation accounts reflect an unexpended balance of \$5,359.06, representing various account balances that are carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements and/or by the selectmen. In this respect, it is suggested that appropriation balances, which are to be carried forward from year to year, excepting those required to be carried forward by law, should receive the approval of the voters.

The unappropriated surplus amounted to \$4,396.11, a net increase of \$1,852.42 for the year. This change was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures less appropriations from surplus to various operating accounts.

TRUST FUNDS

The total amount of trust fund principals was \$16,574.00 at the year end and unexpended income amounted to \$1,104.56. With the exception of \$2,478.56 due from the general fund, these funds were invested in U. S. Savings Bonds. The investments were verified by actual inspection. An appropriation of \$600.00 was made available by vote of the townspeople to aid in the liquidation of monies due the trust funds from the general fund.

New trust funds accepted by the townspeople during the year amounted to \$1,400.00. At the close of the year new funds of \$800.00 were pending acceptance.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

An analysis of the comparative statement of available funds revealed an increase of \$5,891.29, as compared with the previous year. This was occasioned principally by an increase in excise tax revenue and State of Maine funds for highways and education. A change in the carrying balance was also a contributing factor.

Expenditures for the same period increased by \$4,221.97, which for the most part, was reflected in protection, highways and education accounts.

A method of effectively canceling paid invoices should be adopted. This may be accomplished either by perforation or a rubber stamp device.

GENERAL

The examination of the town clerk's records of town meetings revealed that the voters authorized the appropriations from surplus for various departmental operations and also the use of excise tax monies for highways and bridges.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications, on a test basis, were utilized to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities. Receipts, vouchers and canceled checks were examined for a selected period and major increases or decreases in revenue or expenditures over previous years were explored. Tax collections, both property and excise taxes were reviewed and deposits with the treasurer analyzed on a test basis. The records of the annual town meeting as pertained to financing the current year's appropriations were reviewed. Canceled notes were inspected and verified with current payments. Education account balances were verified with those of the Superintendent of Schools. Trust fund investments were verified by physical count.

Various laws pertaining to the fiscal operations of the municipality were reviewed to determine that related financial transactions were properly administered.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed advisable to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying statements and supporting information present fairly the financial position of the town at February 1, 1956, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
EXHIBIT A

	February 1, 1956	February 4, 1955
GENERAL FUND		
ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and in Bank (Sch. A-1)	\$8,500.03	\$8,497.73
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-2)	33.37	152.75
Taxes Receivable (S. A-3)	\$6,835.41	\$6,693.32
Less - Reserve for Losses	597.70	470.28
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	6,237.71	6,223.04
Tax Liens (Sch. A-4)	2,187.62	1,676.71
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TOTAL - General Fund	\$16,958.73	\$16,550.23

DEBT FUND

ASSETS		
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes		
From Future Revenue		\$2,600.00

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		
Investments (Schedule A-6)	\$15,200.00	\$13,200.00
Due from General Fund (Sch. A-6)	2,478.56	3,265.55
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TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	\$17,678.56	\$16,465.55

February 1, 1956
GENERAL FUND

February 4, 1955

LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		\$ 5.00
Monson Academy Loans (Sch. A-5)	\$3,925.00	3,925.00
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Total Liabilities	3,925.00	3,930.00
RESERVES		
Due Trust Funds (S. A-6)	\$2,478.56	\$3,265.55
Authorized Expenditures		
(Ex. D)	5,359.06	5,410.99
Trust Funds Pending		
Acceptance	800.00	1,400.00
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Total Reserves	8,637.62	10,076.54

SURPLUS		
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	4,396.11	2,543.69
TOTAL - General Fund	\$16,958.73	\$16,550.23

DEBT FUND

LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable		\$2,600.00 *

TRUST FUNDS

LIABILITIES		
Principals (Sch. A-7)	\$16,574.00	\$15,174.00
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-7)	1,104.56	1,291.55
TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	\$17,678.56	\$16,465.55

EXHIBIT B
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND
EXPENDITURES

	Years Ended.....		
	February 1, 1956	February 4, 1955	February 1, 1954
REVENUE:			
Real, Personal and			
Poll Taxes	\$49,561.35	\$49,051.31	\$49,051.31
Supplemental Taxes	75.00	97.65	115.29
Excise Taxes	5,346.89	3,954.77	3,317.63
State of Maine	14,473.15	11,940.91	10,954.77
Tuition	54.00	110.67	176.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		100.00	
School Supplies	870.88	433.81	446.99
Highway Equip. Rental	556.73	965.40	174.34
Interest	286.06	409.07	331.82
Tax Lien Costs	64.60	64.60	40.80
Fire Equipment	64.50		110.00
Donation - Gymnasium			
Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Trust Fund Interest	368.00	267.20	538.96
Gymnasium Rental	494.12	464.80	495.00
Contributions		250.19	800.65
Tarring Roads	59.77	331.55	
Miscellaneous	29.68	31.70	
Total Revenue	73,322.73	69,473.63	68,553.56
ADD:			
Decrease in Carrying			
Balances	51.93		227.45
Proceeds from Notes			
Issued			3,200.00

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Transfers from Surplus	1,626.27	1,391.00	1,266.00
	<u>75,000.93</u>	<u>70,864.63</u>	<u>73,247.01</u>
Deduct:			
Increase in Carrying			
Balances		1,754.69	
Total Available Funds	<u>\$75,000.93</u>	<u>\$69,109.94</u>	<u>\$73,247.11</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	4,528.24	4,048.67	3,707.37
Protection	4,444.26	1,832.59	2,237.52
Health and Sanitation	350.00	441.05	200.00
Highways and Bridges	17,616.36	16,709.38	17,584.18
Charities	2,933.15	3,761.84	2,939.17
Education	34,775.56	32,253.10	30,599.11
Library	275.00	275.00	270.00
Cemeteries	878.80	1,037.48	920.50
Special Assessments	1,440.00	1,065.90	1,065.90
Interest	64.57	233.32	626.88
Discounts and Abatements	650.45	725.08	647.07
Highway Equipment	630.53	301.00	5,264.00
Gymnasium		1,383.99	2,229.97
Unclassified	138.27	534.82	506.16
Total Operating Expendi- tures	<u>68,725.19</u>	<u>64,603.22</u>	<u>68,797.63</u>
Debt Retirement	3,200.00	3,100.00	2,500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>71,925.19</u>	<u>67,703.22</u>	<u>71,297.63</u>
Excess of Available Funds Over Expenditures	<u>\$3,075.74</u>	<u>\$1,406.72</u>	<u>\$1,949.48</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending February 1, 1957

Receipts	
Cash on Hand, Feb. 2, 1956	\$8,500.03
State Treasurer, Account of:	
Health & Welfare	167.82
Snow Removal	1,013.95
Refund Bear & Porcupine Bounties	20.00
Bank Stock Tax	95.61
Library Stipend	25.00
Educational Subsidies	13,039.00
Town Road Improvement Fund	2,827.00
R. R., Tel & Tel. Tax	1.44
Supt. of Schools, Account of:	
Common Schools	4,125.56
Repairs	45.37
Town Poor Account:	
Frank Packard	680.00
Town Account:	
Highway Equipment	1,829.45
Accounts Receivable	17.54
Fire Department	97.00
Incidentals	27.00
Cemetery	60.00
Perpetual Care Cemetery, Interest	430.10
Taxes	
1949 Taxes	3.00
1954 Taxes	260.05
1955 Taxes	2,279.93
1956 Taxes	45,316.90
1956 Excise Tax	3,332.21
1957 Excise Tax	1,001.62
1952 Tax Liens	87.94
1953 Tax Liens	119.44

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1954 Tax Liens	525.82
1955 Tax Liens	235.99
Lien Costs	36.98
Tax Interest	274.84
Perpetual Care, Cemetery:	
J. Wickstrom	200.00
N. Johnson	200.00
E. Flint	200.00
N. Thomas	200.00
Eveleth-Houston	200.00
C. Sanborn, Jr.	200.00
I. Wing	300.00
D. Weeks	200.00
C. Sidelinger	200.00
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	\$88,376.59
Disbursements:	
By Paid Selectmen's Warrants	\$80,217.77
Cash on Hand, Guilford Trust Company	8,158.82
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	\$88,376.59

L. PETE GATTRELL, Treasurer
Town of Monson

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintending School Committee

Priscilla Robinson	Term expires 1957
Aubrey Williams	Term expires 1958
Stanwood Pullen	Term expires 1959

TO: The Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Monson.

Herewith is the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

There were one hundred forty-seven pupils enrolled in the elementary grades on Jan 2, 1957. They were distributed as shown in the table:

Grade 1	19	Grade 5	19
Grade 2	21	Grade 6	12
Grade 3	20	Grade 7	23
Grade 4	20	Grade 8	14

The increase in the school population can be attributed to an influx of new families and the presence of seventh and eighth grade pupils from Willimantic. Wherever there are two grades in a room we have a crowded condition but not an intolerable condition.

You have one new teacher, Miss Genieve Hughes, who teaches grade one and is Music Supervisor and Music Teacher in grades one, two, three, and four. Her services as music instructor are available to the other grades upon request, but on a consultant basis.

The introduction of music to your schools was received with enthusiasm by the children. It fills a void in the curriculum which has existed too long. I am certain that the few public appearances of the children at church

services have demonstrated the efficiency and quality of instruction.

The changes to new textbooks are being achieved. This year we have extended the arithmetic series through grades five and six. New geographies have been placed in grades seven and eight, and new histories in grade eight.

Since your teachers are conscientious, well trained, and able, instruction and discipline are excellent.

We continue to operate the school milk program in the elementary building but we are making no progress in the Academy building. Probably competition of soft drinks and candy is the reason why milk is not used in the upper grades.

The purchase of an ice-cream and milk container would seem to be a reasonable solution to the dietary problems of the upper grades.

Although we have not had a regular school physician this year, the children have received medical inspection and polio "shots". One hundred twenty-seven pupils received "shots" in January. I would extend my thanks to Dr. Nickerson, Nurse Gagnor, and the local women, Mrs. Walter Hennigan, Mrs. Don Keene, and Mrs. Aubrey Williams, who assisted with the "shots".

Mr. Gattrell has set up a full basket-ball program for the season. Included are youngsters of both sexes from grades four through eight. The youth have responded with vim and the program is proving to be very rewarding to everyone who participates.

Municipal conveyance was adopted by the Superintending School Committee this Fall. Two Chevrolet suburbans were purchased and have been in operation since school started. I am satisfied that all concerned are happy with the results, both in safety and convenience. The costs are about what we expected, \$.1649 per mile.

Repairs of minor nature have been effected as needed. Thanks to both our local industries we have a supply of lumber with which we have been able to proceed with the many little changes and additions which make for comfortable and convenient learning and teaching.

The Elementary Building should be painted this year, and the Academy next year.

May I assure you that your children are receiving adequate instruction and training in the areas covered, that teachers and supervisors have a genuine interest in the growth and progress of your children, and that no opportunity for improvement goes unstudied.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. CROCKETT

Supt. of Schools

Financial Statement
Monson School Department Feb. 1, 1957

COMMON SCHOOLS

Assets:		
Bal. forward 1956	\$ 3,110.00	
Int. on School Fund	34.16	
Appropriation 1956	10,750.00	
Gen. Purpose Aid	12,939.00	
Prof. Credits	100.00	
Elem. Tuition	254.70	
Miscellaneous receipts	2,493.83	
		\$29,681.69
Accounts receivable		
Earl Waymouth		91.69
Total		\$29,773.28
Repairs:		
Bal. 1956	\$358.75	
Sale of scrap metal	4.00	
Womens Club	30.00	
Total		392.75
Grand Total		\$30,166.03
Expenditures:		
Instruction	\$12,963.00	✓
Fuel	2,849.06	✓
Janitor and Cleaning	2,058.47	✓

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Conveyance	3,088.60	<i>12,884.00</i>	
Supervision	2,004.35	✓	
Textbooks	1,049.69		
Supplies	836.03	✓	<i>836.03</i>
Light and Power	665.31	✓	<i>103.84</i>
Driver Ed. Supplies	103.84	✓	<i>939.87</i>
Instructional Equip.	279.34	✓	
Insurance	533.13	✓	
Prof. Credits	50.00	✓	
Med. Inspection & Nurse	277.36	✓	
Total		<i>18</i>	
		\$26,758.43	
Repairs		1,140.57	
Grand Total			\$27,898.70
Bal. Feb. 1, 1957			\$2,267.33
High School Tuition			
Appropriation 1956	\$8,500.00		
Expended	8,500.00		
Grading Account			
Bal. forward 1956	\$112.50		
Expended	14.00		
Bal. forward Feb. 1, 1957		\$98.50	

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1140.57
2.18 Bal Repairs

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

This school year opened on September 4 with an enrollment of 46 regularly enrolled students and one special student. Since that time, we have lost four students and picked up three so that our present total is 45. There are twelve students in the freshman class, sixteen in the sophomore class, twelve in the junior class, and five in the senior class. With the one special student, who is attending school afternoons only to complete his high school requirements, we expect to graduate six students in June. Of the total number of students, three are from Willimantic, three are from Elliottsville, and the remainder are residents of Monson.

The faculty remains the same as for the past two years with Mrs. Constance MacPherson, Kenneth A. Snowman, and Harry O. Lent.

Mrs. MacPherson, a Bates College graduate, teaches the English courses, French and the Social Studies. She serves as faculty advisor to the senior class, the Dramatic Club, and the school yearbook, "Pharetra". She has produced and staged an excellent Senior Play and is currently engaged in the process of producing a one act play to compete in the One Act Play Contest to be held at Monson this year. She serves as director of the Annual Winter Carnival Ball, and the graduation exercises. She was president of the Piscataquis County Teachers' Association for the past year, and she represented this organization as its delegate to the N.E.A. National Convention held at Portland, Oregon last July.

Mr. Snowman, a graduate of Husson College, teaches the commercial subjects and the very popular Driver Education course. He serves as faculty advisor to the sophomore class and the Commercial Club. He coaches the boys' basketball, baseball, and track teams, and supervises the duplication of the yearbook.

The Principal, a University of Maine graduate, teaches the science and mathematics courses and serves as advisor to the student council and the freshman and junior classes. He also coaches the girls' basketball team and the winter sports teams.

The Academy offers three courses of study, college preparatory, commercial and general. The daily schedule is operated on a seven period rotating plan with six periods being held daily.

The Driver Education course, under the direction of Mr. Snowman, has proven very successful and beneficial. We are indeed fortunate to be able to offer this training to our students. Our hearty thanks go to Mr. Snowman for giving extra effort and time toward making this venture a success. Our most sincere gratitude and appreciation go to Mr. Dennis Cleaves of Guy L. Clark, Inc. of Dexter who has made the course possible by supplying a new Chevrolet for our use.

The improvements made in the Academy building over the past two years have certainly been welcome. The new ceiling and lighting fixtures upstairs were a needed change, and the addition of a set of bookshelves in the back of the main room were well received.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the school officials, parents, students, and all other citizens of Monson who by their assistance and excellent cooperation have helped to bring about a pleasant and successful school year and have served to make Monson Academy a better school.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY O. LENT, Principal

Monson Academy

ANNUAL REPORT FOR MONSON

January 1, to December 31, 1956

Division of Public Health Nursing

The nursing service of the State Department of Health and Welfare is carried on in Monson in all health categories with the exception of the school and tuberculosis nursing service. Its aim is to help families and individuals become increasingly able to recognize and solve their health problems. This is accomplished through counseling and demonstration visits in the homes, group meetings, and child health conferences. Since June this service has been curtailed somewhat for the first time in many years due to the transfer of the public health nurse to another area. This vacancy will be filled as soon as a qualified nurse is available.

Three child health conferences, sponsored by the Women's Club, were held during the year. Many parents took advantage of the medical supervision offered to infant and preschool children. Fifty-eight children were

examined by a physician who made medical recommendations for their care. Twenty-nine children were immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus and four children were vaccinated against smallpox. A few children took advantage of the polio vaccine which was offered. The child health conferences compliment the work of the family physician.

Orthopedic, Pediatric, Cardic, Hard of Hearing, and Mental Hygiene Clinics were provided through the Department of Health and Welfare to children whose family physician asked for these services. The aim of these clinics is to provide care and to attain the maximum of physical and mental restoration.

We wish to express our appreciation to the interested townspeople for the contribution of time, energy, and service which has been given to this Public Health Nursing Service.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MARY C. HAYES R. N.

District IV Nursing Supervisor

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

To Wilbur Kronholm, a Constable in the Town of Monson, in the County of Piscataquis:

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in Town Hall, in said Town of Monson, Monday, March 11th at seven o'clock in the Evening to vote on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to employ a Town Manager for the ensuing year and fix his compensation to be paid over a period of 52 weeks from time of hire.

Art. 4. To choose three Selectmen who will also serve as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year and fix their compensation.

Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and fix his compensation.

Art. 6. To choose one member of the School Board for a term of three years.

Art. 7. To choose a Fire Chief and to authorize him to form his department with complete authority over the same in behalf of the Town of Monson.

Art. 8. To see what action the Town wishes to take in regard to cost of Fire Equipment called out for fires set without permission of the Fire Chief.

Art. 9. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to choose or have appointed at Town Meeting a Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money during the present municipal year in anticipation of, and to be paid from, taxes of the current year 1957, and to execute and deliver promissory note or notes on the Town for the same.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for town purposes.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to purchase security bonds for necessary town officers rather than accept local bondsmen.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on its behalf to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute and deliver quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Daylight Saving Time in accordance with neighboring communities.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to fix a time when taxes shall be due and payable.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount and if so what percent on taxes paid prior to June 15, 1957.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest, and if so, what per cent on all taxes remaining unpaid September 1, 1957, with said interest to begin on the above date.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize

the Sexton to collect payment for the sale of cemetery lots and execute deeds for the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town wishes to have an ordinance requiring out of town vendors to have a local license to sell house to house, and if so to set fee.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to work those receiving town aid, the same work to be credited to their indebtedness to the town.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to withhold sums of money due from the town until such time as indebtedness shall have been paid.

Art. 23. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for high school purposes.

Budget Meeting recommends \$12,750.00

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to contract with the Trustees of Monson Academy for tuition of the high school students of the town.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for schools and education, as follow:

A. Elementary maintenance

Budget Meeting recommends \$11,420.00

B. Repairs

Budget Meeting recommends \$1,200.00

C. School Notes

Budget Meeting recommends \$1,680.00

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000, the same to be set aside and earmarked as a fund to be ultimately used for school building or heating purposes.

Budget Meeting recommends \$1,000.00

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the State law relative to the construction of State Aid Roads, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for roads, highways and bridges as follows:

- A. Highways, general
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$3,350.00
- B. Surface treatment
- C. Sidewalks
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$1,000.00
 - Plus 500.00 from Surplus
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$500.00
 - Plus \$500.00 from Surplus
- D. State Aid
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$1,066.00
 - Plus \$1,066.00 from Surplus
- E. Snow removal
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$2,800.00
 - Plus \$1,400.00 from Surplus
- F. Sanding
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$800.00
 - Plus \$200.00 from Surplus

Art. 28. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray all incidental and town charges for miscellaneous purposes.

- Budget Meeting recommends \$4,200.00

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the protection of persons and property as follows:

- A. Town street lights and power
 - Budget Meeting recommends \$1,000.00
- B. Installation of new street lights
 - Budget Meeting recommends 200.00
- C. Fire Department

Budget Meeting recommends \$1,500.00
Plus \$1,000.00 from surplus

D. Town Hall fuel

Budget Meeting recommends \$400.00

E. Workmen's Compensation and Liability

Budget Meeting recommends \$300.00

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for support of the poor as follows:

A. Town Poor

Budget Meeting recommends \$1,000.00
Plus \$1,000.00 from Surplus

B. Aid to Dependent Children

Budget Meeting recommends \$1,000.00

Art. 31. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Monson Free Library.

Budget Meeting recommends \$250.00

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to be applied or set aside toward retirement of the notes known as Academy Notes.

Budget Meeting recommends \$600.00

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and care of cemeteries as follows:

A. Regular cemetery care

Budget Meeting recommends \$400.00

B. New cemetery

Budget Meeting recommends \$100.00

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the following accounts:

A. Memorial Day

Budget Meeting recommends \$150.00

B. Maine Publicity Bureau

Budget Meeting recommends \$25.00

Art. 36. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hold over money at the end of the year in any account they deem advisable.

Art. 37. To see what amount of money the Town will appropriate to pay its share of the cost of the Social Security Plan.

Budget Meeting recommends \$150.00

Art. 38. To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for the repair of the Town Hall Auditorium.

Budget Meeting recommends \$350.00

Art. 39. To see what sum, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for Adult Education, the same to be under the supervision of the School Board and Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Athletic Purposes in Monson Academy, the same to be expended through the Academy Athletic Fund under the direction of the principal and the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sums of \$200.00 each for perpetual care of the cemetery lots as follows:

A. Emma Wickstrom 2 lots

B. Lucille Simpson 2 lots

C. Rebecca Crafts

D. Bernard Sanborn

E. Dennis Weeks

F. C. L. Sidelinger

G. Ira Wing

Art. 42. To transact any other Town business that should be acted on by this meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson, Maine, 23rd day of February, 1957.

ALFRED F. HOLMES

ROLAND JOHNSON

HOLLIS NELSON

Selectmen of Monson, Maine

A true copy, attest:

WILBUR KRONHOLM

Constable of Monson, Maine

